

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2227

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 20, 2014

An act to add Section 18938.4 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to solar energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2227, as introduced, Quirk. Building standards: solar energy systems.

Existing law declares that it is the policy of the state to promote and encourage the use of solar energy systems. Existing law provides that building standards shall be filed by the California Building Standards Commission with the Secretary of State and codified only after they have been approved by the commission.

This bill would require that building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of solar energy systems, as specified, be adopted and published in the California Building Standards Code by the commission no later than July 1, 2015.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 18938.4 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 18938.4. (a) The California Building Standards Commission
- 4 shall adopt building standards for the construction, installation,
- 5 and alteration of solar energy systems and publish the standards

1 in the California Building Standards Code on or before July 1,
2 2015.

3 (b) These standards shall be based on national building standards
4 that have been designated by the American National Standards
5 Institute as American National Standards, with any amendments,
6 deletions, or additions determined appropriate by the commission,
7 the Department of Housing and Community Development, or other
8 agencies with applicable building standards jurisdiction.

9 (c) For purposes of this section, “solar energy systems” includes,
10 but is not limited to, equipment and appliances intended to utilize
11 solar energy for heating or cooling, water heating, swimming pool
12 heating, process heating, and solar photovoltaic systems.